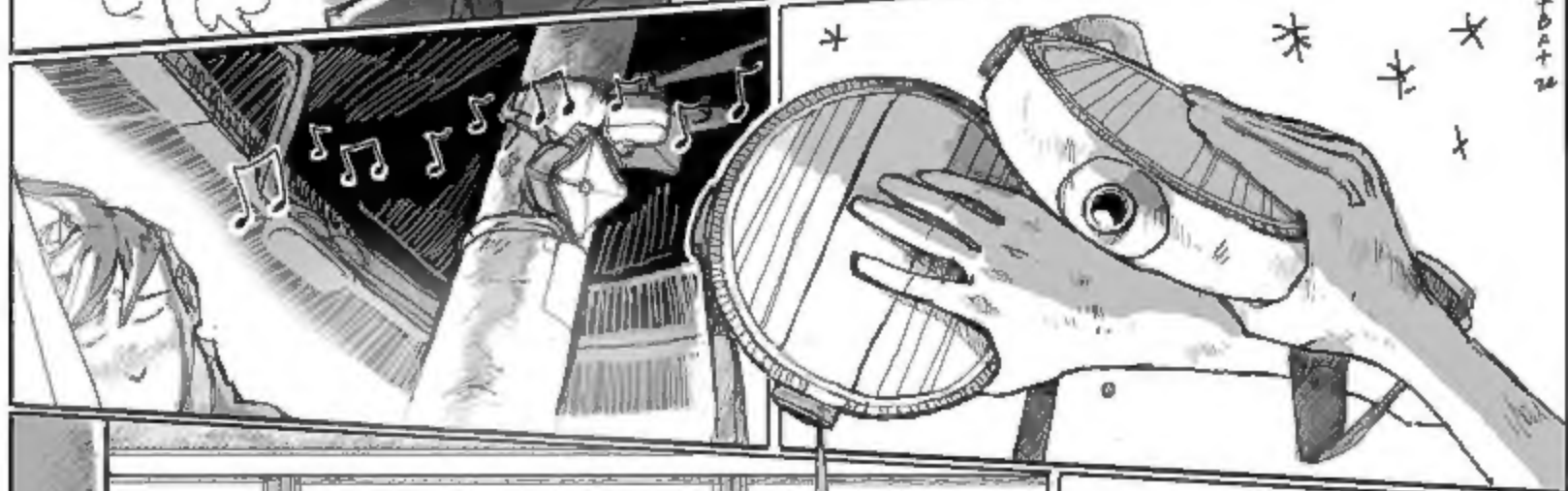










RATBAT + z'



OH SH-



UHH, DO YOU
NEED ASSISTANCE
OVER THERE SIR?

CAN I HELP YOU?

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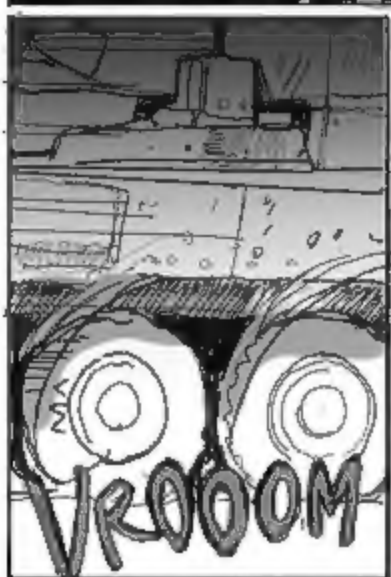


N-NO, JUST NEEDED
THE BATHROOM. I'M
LEAVING!

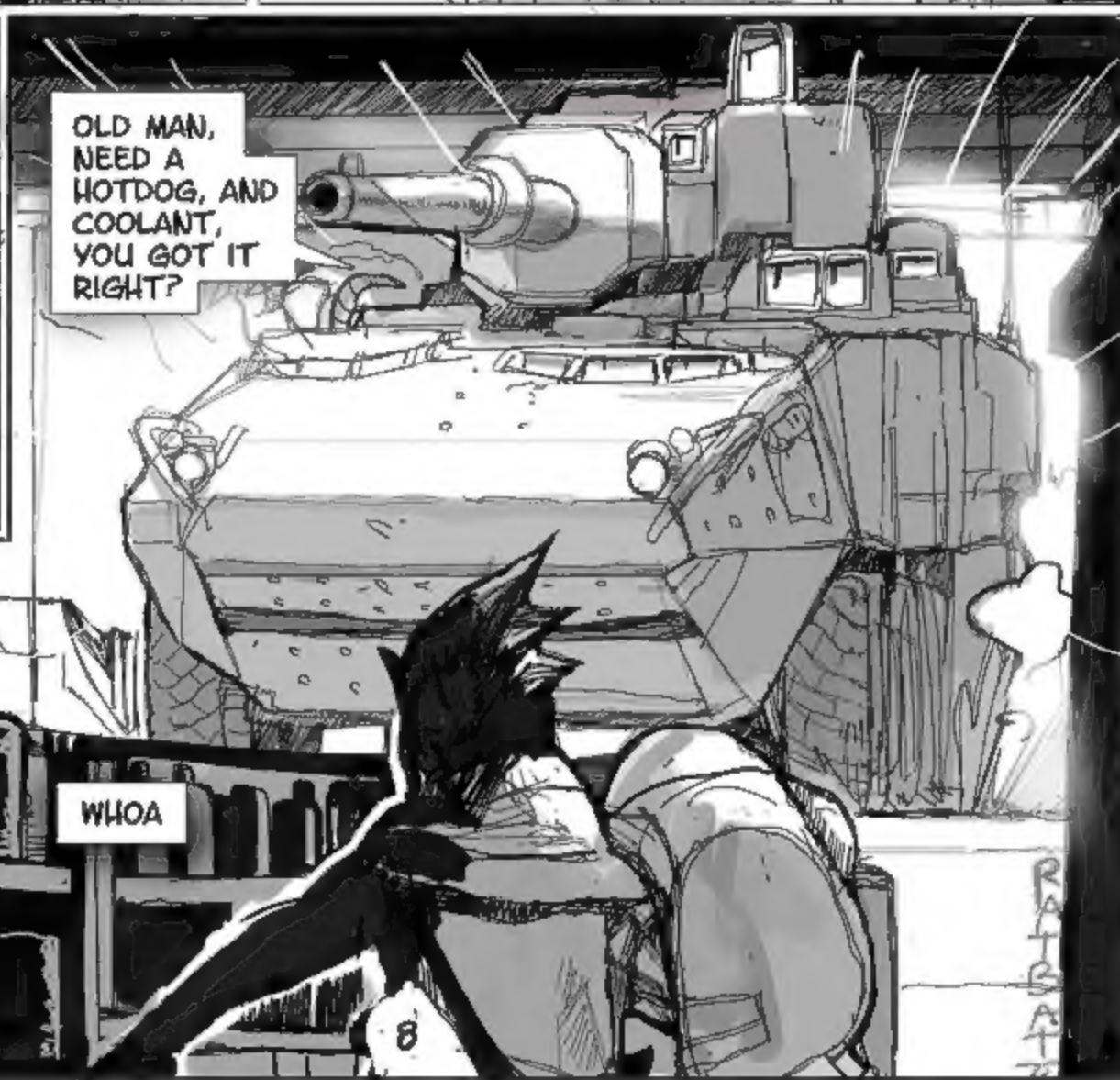


WELL, OK MAN.

YEP! ABSOLUTLY.

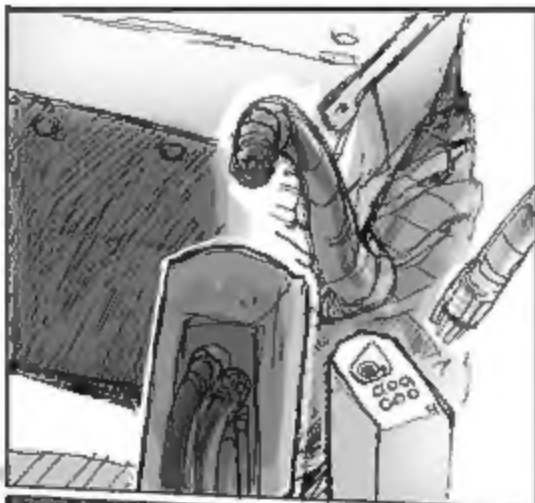


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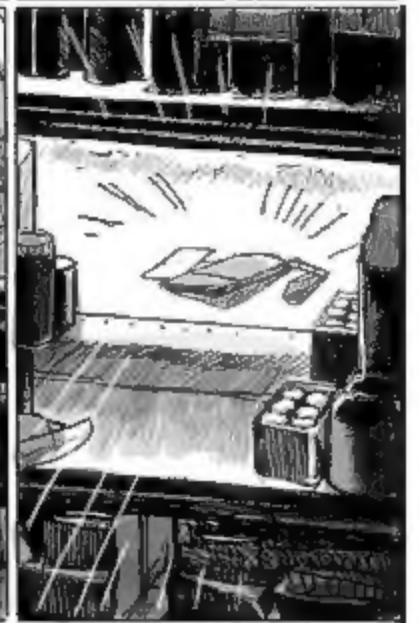
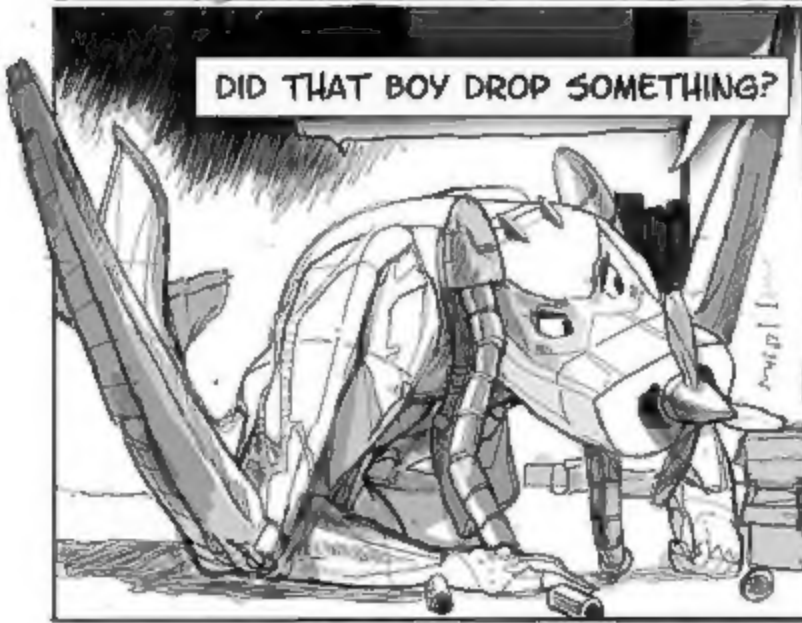
OLD MAN,
NEED A
HOTDOG, AND
COOLANT,
YOU GOT IT
RIGHT?

WHOA





DID THAT BOY DROP SOMETHING?



A WALLET
HUH?





YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND ON THESE SHIRT'S GIRL?

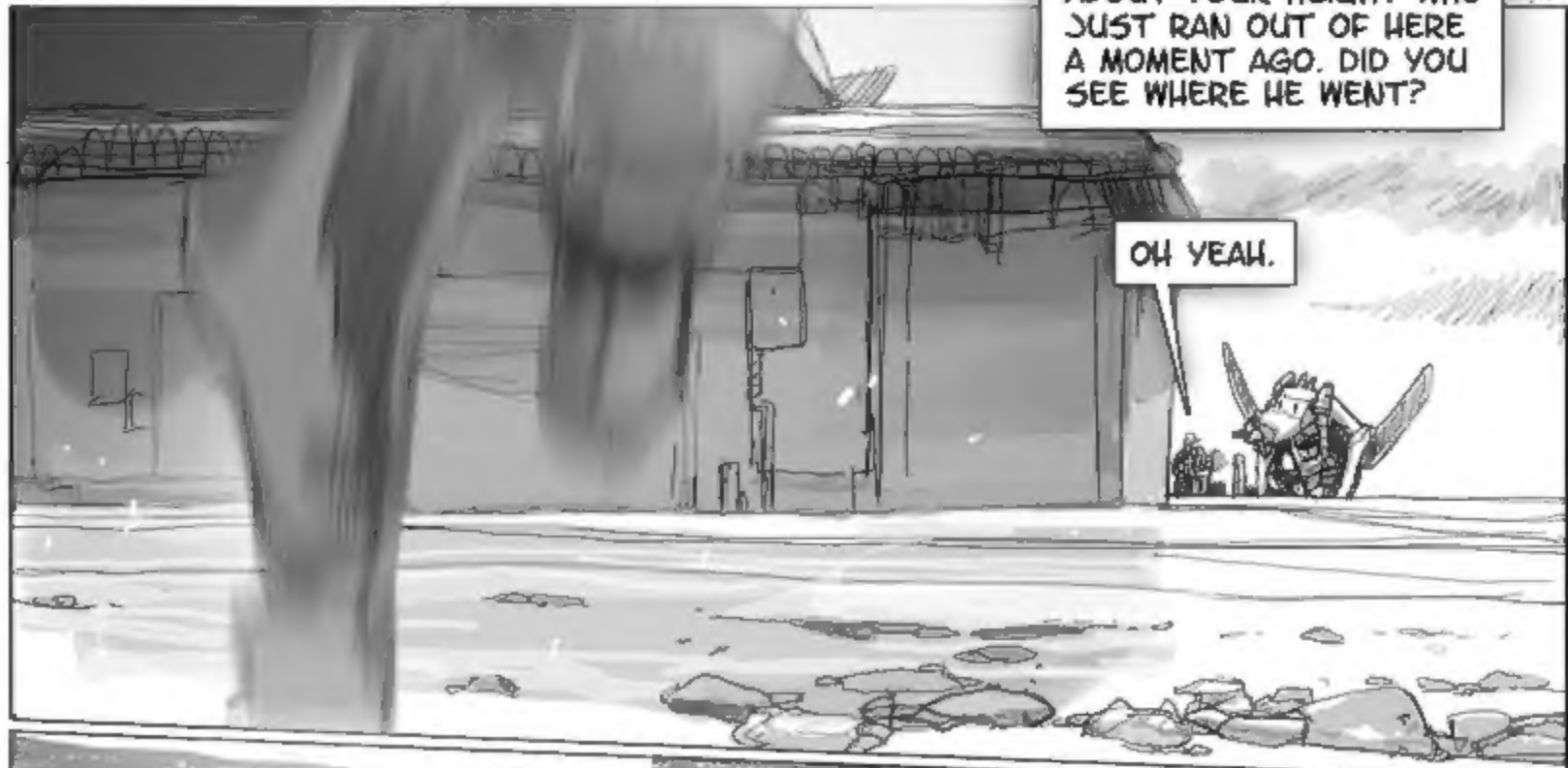
YOU DONT HAVE MY SIZE.

THAT'S FINE! TELL A FRIEND.

BY THE WAY,



THERE WAS A GUY, ABOUT YOUR HEIGHT WHO JUST RAN OUT OF HERE A MOMENT AGO. DID YOU SEE WHERE HE WENT?

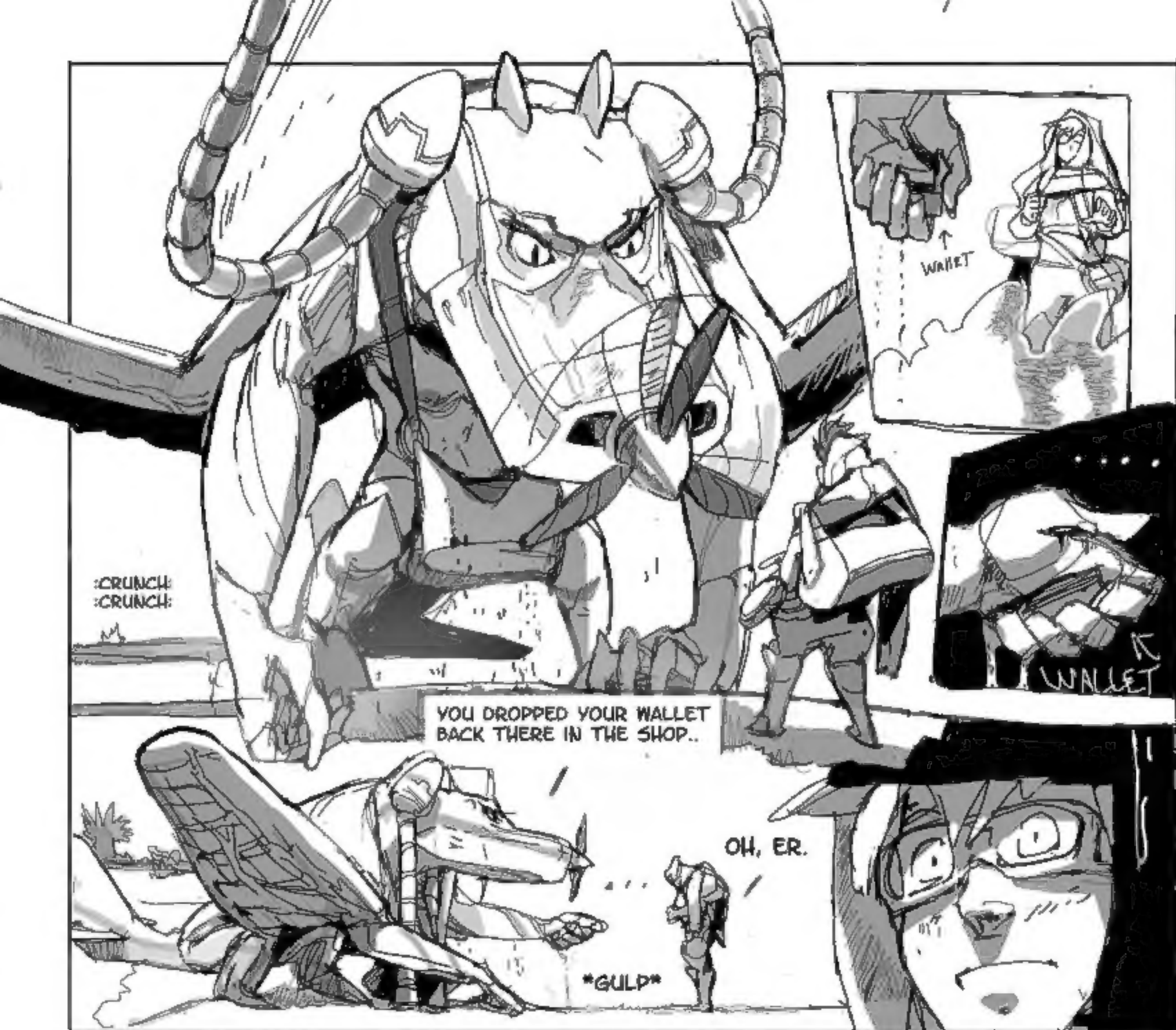


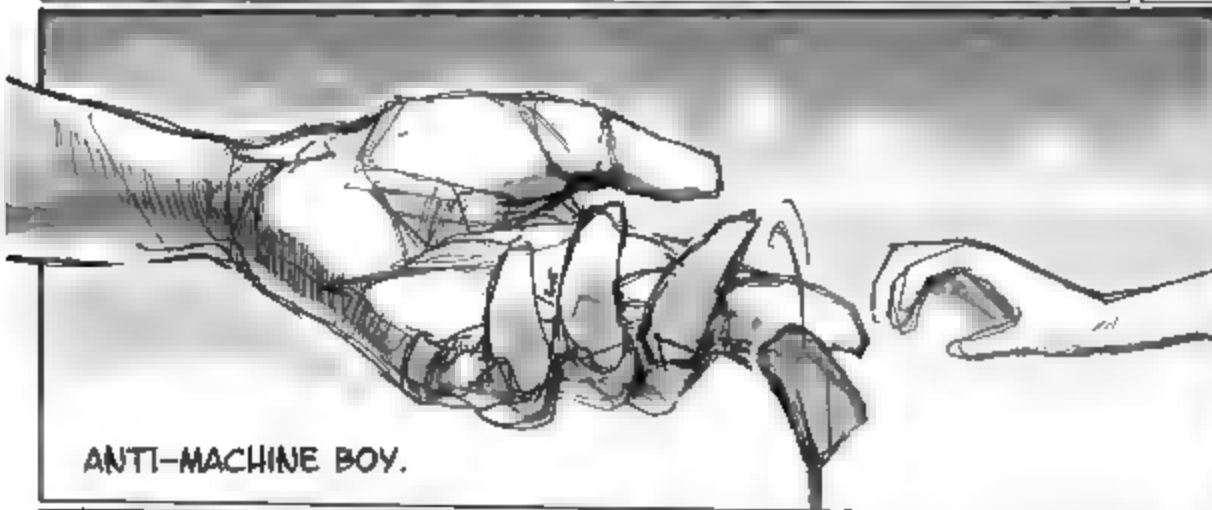
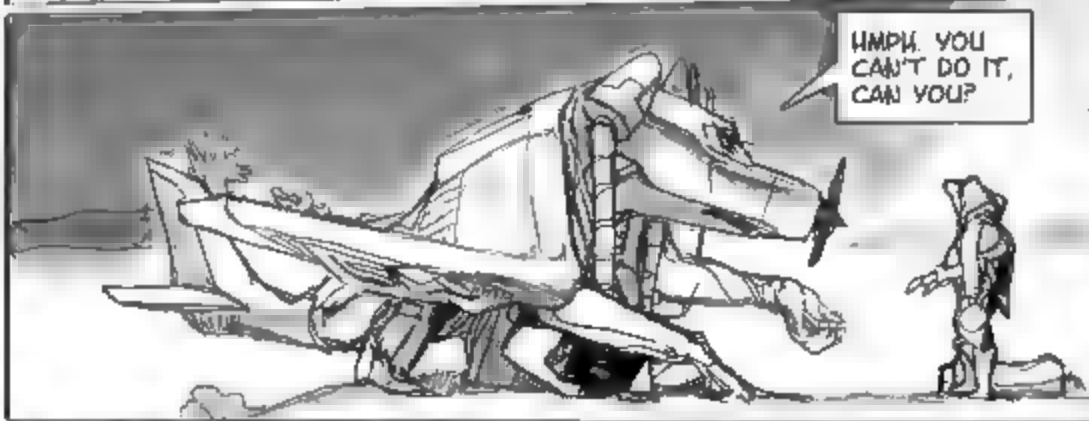
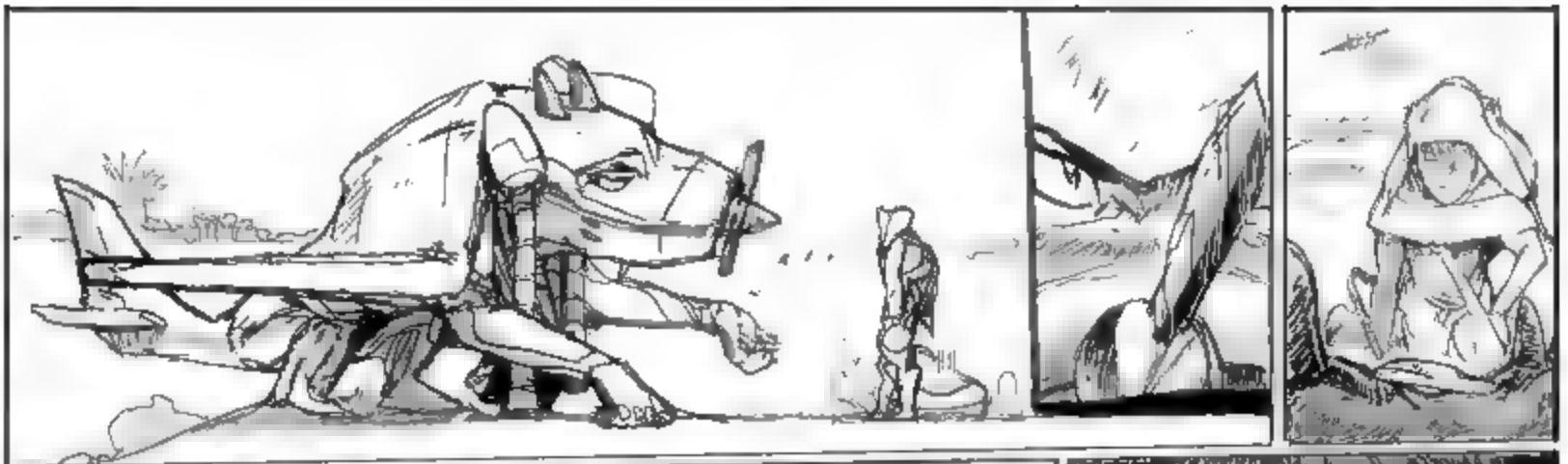
OH YEAH.



HE'S RIGHT OVER THERE.







ANTI-MACHINE BOY.



NEW ARRIVAL



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1539 CHERRY LN
YUMA, N.AZ 8506
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SCAN SCANN SCAN.

RAT
BAT
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YUMA. HEH.
SO YOU
LOOKED.

...THANKS.

SYS 150
DIA 89

PLEASE DON'T..

TELL ANYONE

I'M JUST HERE
FOR WORK.

I'M NOT HERE TO CAUSE TROUBLE.

HMPH..

(NO WEAPONS, AND
NO COMMUNICATOR.
DID THIS GUY WALK
HERE?)

I'M DIFFERENT.

YOU CANT EVEN
TAKE YOUR WALLET
OFF MY HANDS.
YOU SHOULD WORK
ON THAT.

(BLONDE HAIR
AND BLUE EYES
HUMAN.)

(BROKE IN THE
DESERT, JUST
LIKE ME.)

STOMACH
RUMBLES;

RARR

RATDATTZ

6 MORE MILES TO
THE BORDER.

16

(LOOKS LIKE I'M
NOT MAKING ANY
MONEY TODAY.)



MAYBE YOU WOULD
TAKE ONE OF THESE?



HERE EAT THIS
AND I'LL FLY YOU
TO THE FRONT
GATES.



A FISH?



YOU'RE
HUNGRY
RIGHT?

AHHHK!



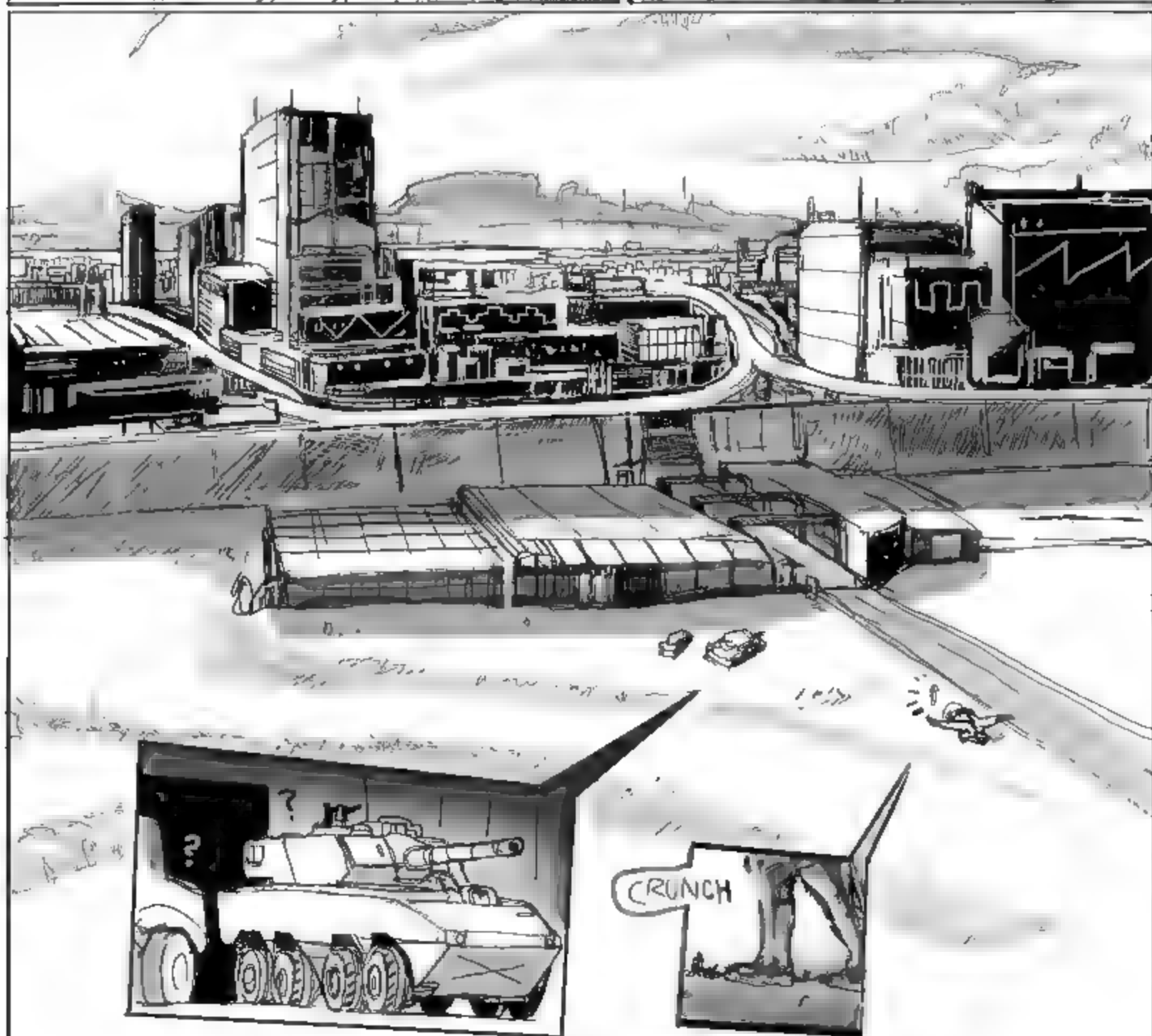
I'LL BE RIGHT
BACK. GOTTA
GET MY POLE.

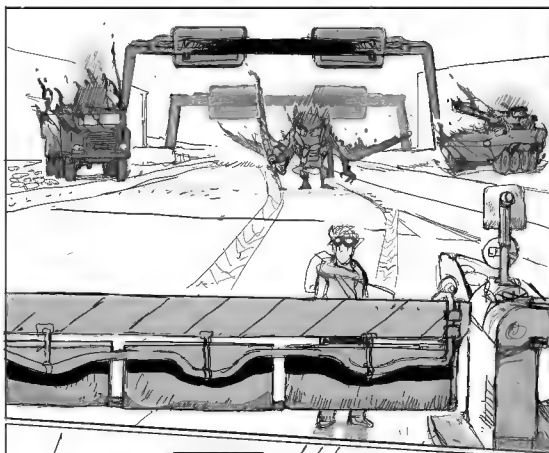
YOU LOOK ABOUT 160 LBS

UH ?! WHAT ARE YOU
DOING? MA'AM WAIT!

HUH? YOU PREFER
TO WALK?

YES LET ME WALK







MR. ORDO?

SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT WE DIDN'T
RECEIVE YOUR APPLICATION PRIOR TO
YOUR VISIT.

UM..I DIDN'T KNOW
I WAS SUPPOSED TO.

YOU ARE SUPPOSED
TO DO IT ONLINE. IT
SOUNDS LIKE YOU
WEREN'T AWARE OF
THE INTERVIEWS WE
CONDUCT? WE DO
SEVERAL. YOU ALSO
HAVE TO HAVE
SOMEONE WE CAN
CONTACT WHO CAN
ATTEST TO YOUR
AUTHENTICITY.

COULDN'T I JUST DO IT
ALL HERE? YOU HAVE MY
BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND
EVERYTHING.

IT NORMALLY TAKES ANYWHERE
FROM 30 TO 60 DAYS FROM FILE
DATE.THIS IS IMMIGRATION. YOU
WILL HAVE TO GO BACK HOME
AND WAIT FOR NOTIFICATION.

ER . MY SITUATION IS PRECARIOUS
RIGHT NOW. I DON'T ACTUALLY
HAVE A HOME ADRESS ATM.

SIR, THE GEOGRAPHICAL ZONE
YOU CAME FROM, THE ONE YOU
WROTE DOWN, YOUR CURRENT
RESIDENCE "YUMA"? THAT
TOWN IS ON OUR MASTER
LIST AS HOSTILE.

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE
HERE IN TOWN?

NO, NOT REALLY.

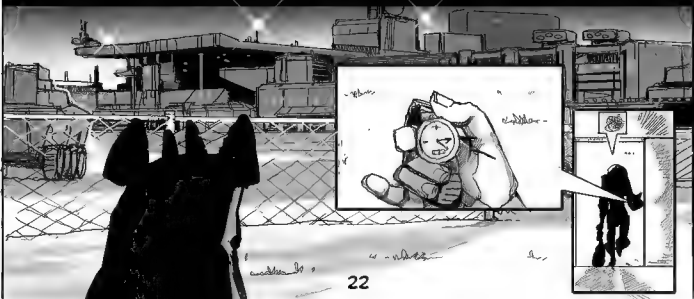
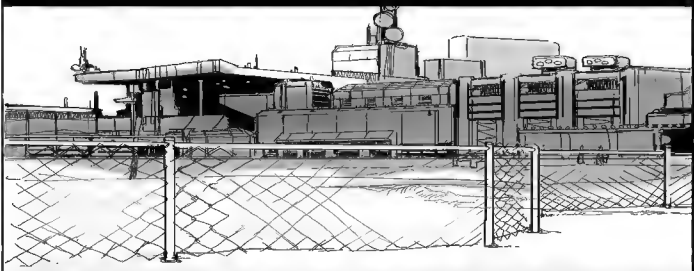
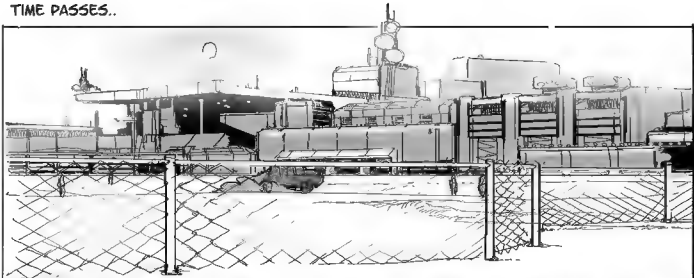
THEN I'M SORRY SIR UNDER OUR
CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES WE
CANT MOVE FORWARD YOU NEED AN
ALLIANCE CITIZEN AT THE VERY
LEAST, TO VOUCH FOR YOU. THE
ENTRANCE IS BACK THAT WAY. GRAB
SOME COFFEE ON THE WAY OUT.

WHAT W-WAIT?

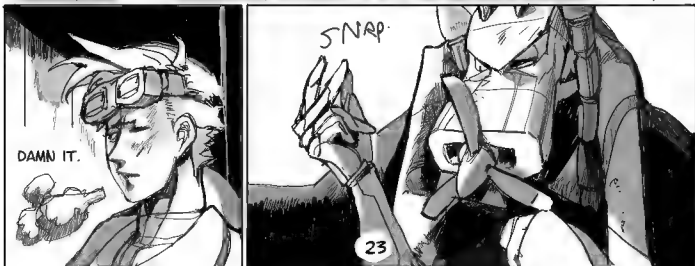
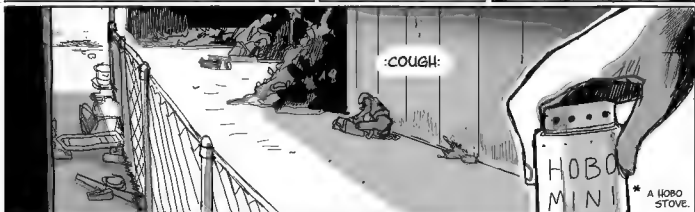
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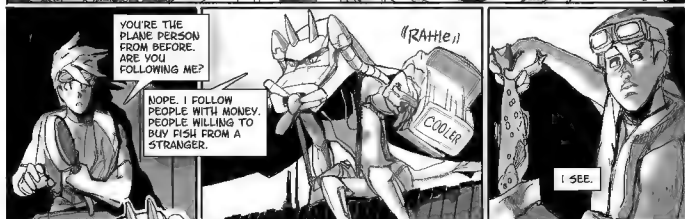
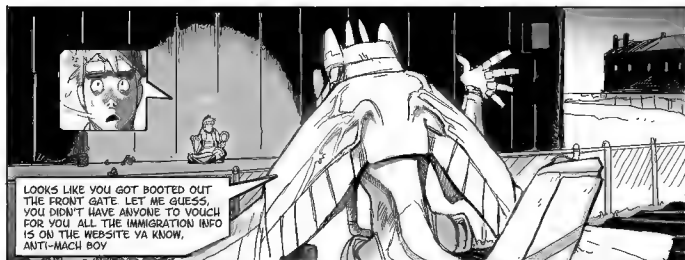
HOW WOULD I KNOW
ANYONE FROM THIS TOWN?

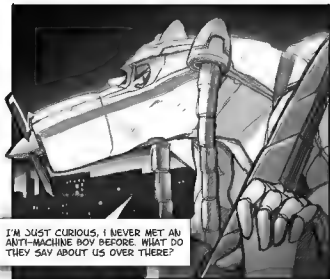
TIME PASSES..



RATBAT 13.







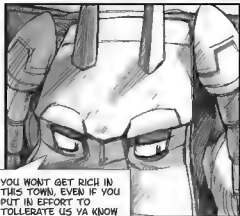
I'M JUST CURIOUS. I NEVER MET AN ANTI-MACHINE BOY BEFORE. WHAT DO THEY SAY ABOUT US OVER THERE?



IS THIS A TRICK QUESTION?



NAA. I JUST WANNA KNOW WHY YOU ARE HERE NOW, AND NOT BACK THERE. DO THE HUMANS NOT PROVIDE ENOUGH JOBS FOR ONE ANOTHER?



YOU WON'T GET RICH IN THIS TOWN, EVEN IF YOU PUT IN EFFORT TO TOLLERATE US VA KNOW



I'M NOT WELCOME THERE ANYMORE. MY REASONS ARE MY OWN

I'LL ACCEPT ANYTHING, EVEN IF I HAVE TO LIFT BOXES ASSIDE THE DEVIL HIMSELF



THE DEVIL? HEH, WELL THEY AREN'T LIKELY GOING TO LET YOU BACK IN THROUGH THAT GATE AGAIN

SOME HUMANISTS ATTACKED A MUSEUM CONVENT A COUPLE OF STATES AWAY. THEY ONLY LET MACHINES ESCAPING THE "RED ZONE" IN NOW. I THOUGHT YOU KNEW THAT



OH ERR



I MIGHT NEED TO KEEP THIS GUY AROUND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HUMANIST LOGIC, MAYBE STOP A POTENTIAL PROBLEM MIGHT LEAD TO TROUBLE TOO

RIGHT WELL, HOW MUCH IS IT WORTH TO YOU, TO GET INSIDE THERE?

RATBAT 24



"DO YOU ARE FOLLOWING ME."

LIMITED TIME OFFER INMAAN... HAVE A
LEGAL RESIDENCE BACK EASY! ALL I
HAVE TO DO IS MARCH BACK THROUGH
THAT GATE AND SAY YOU'RE WITH ME!

YOU ALL... NEED A WORK PARTNERSHIP IF
WE WANT TO GET PRIORITY VOTERS.

WE CAN PUT MY OLD HOME DOWN AS
A "RESIDENCE" IF I USE MY "SIGNATURE."
WE CAN WAIT HOWEVER LONG IT TAKES
FOR THE DIG PAPERS TO FILE THEN.

WE BOTH LIVE LOW, AND "SAFE"
BEYOND THESE WALLS.
ALL WE NEED TO DO IS GET
OUR STONY "THOUGHT."

WAMMA LIFT BOXES
ASIDE A DEVEL.

I WOULD LIKE TO
AFFORD A "SHOWER"

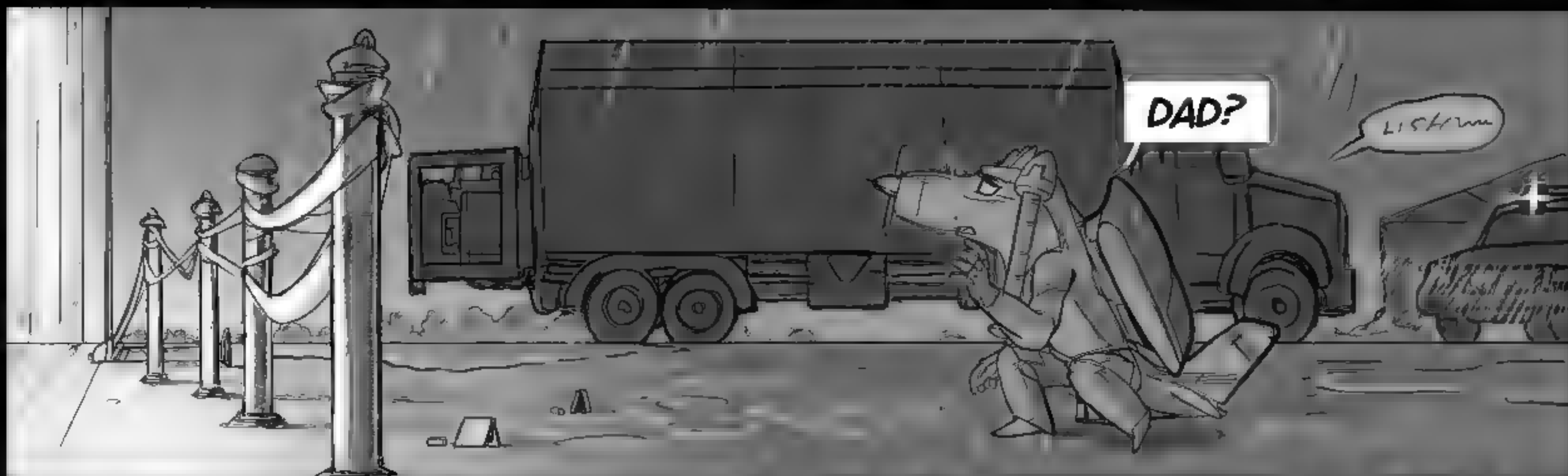
WE CAN FIND
YOU A "SHOWER"
TONIGHT! IF
NEED BE!

DUMP MY FIST IF YOU
AGREE TO PARTNER UP
AND WE WILL FIGURE IT
OUT RIGHT NOW!

YOU WON'T REGRET IT.

BUMP IT.

YOU THINK THIS BOY WILL BRING YOUR DAD BACK?





DAD!!

BROWN HAIR, 180 CENTIMETERS TALL. HE WEARS A BLUE SHOP HAT, AND BLACK SHIRT.



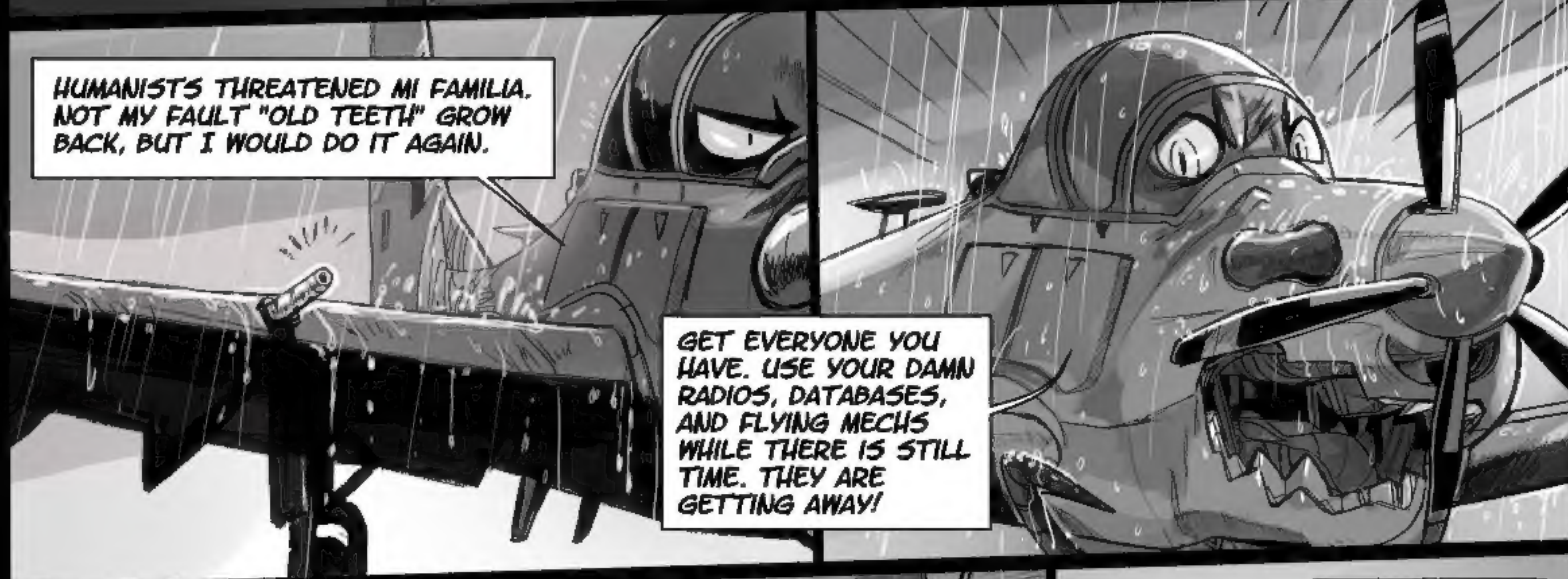
WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL US FIRST?

THERE WAS NO TIME!



WE HAVE BEEN OVER THIS ALREADY PENDEJOS. 3 ARMED MEN JUST MADE OFF WITH OUR MECHANIC IN A HAIL OF BULLETS! THEY ATTACKED-

SIR, IT'S ILLEGAL TO FIRE MILITARY GRADE WEAPONRY WITHIN CITY LIMITS. YOU CAN'T JUST-



HUMANISTS THREATENED MI FAMILIA. NOT MY FAULT "OLD TEETH" GROW BACK, BUT I WOULD DO IT AGAIN.

GET EVERYONE YOU HAVE. USE YOUR DAMN RADIOS, DATABASES, AND FLYING MECHS WHILE THERE IS STILL TIME. THEY ARE GETTING AWAY!

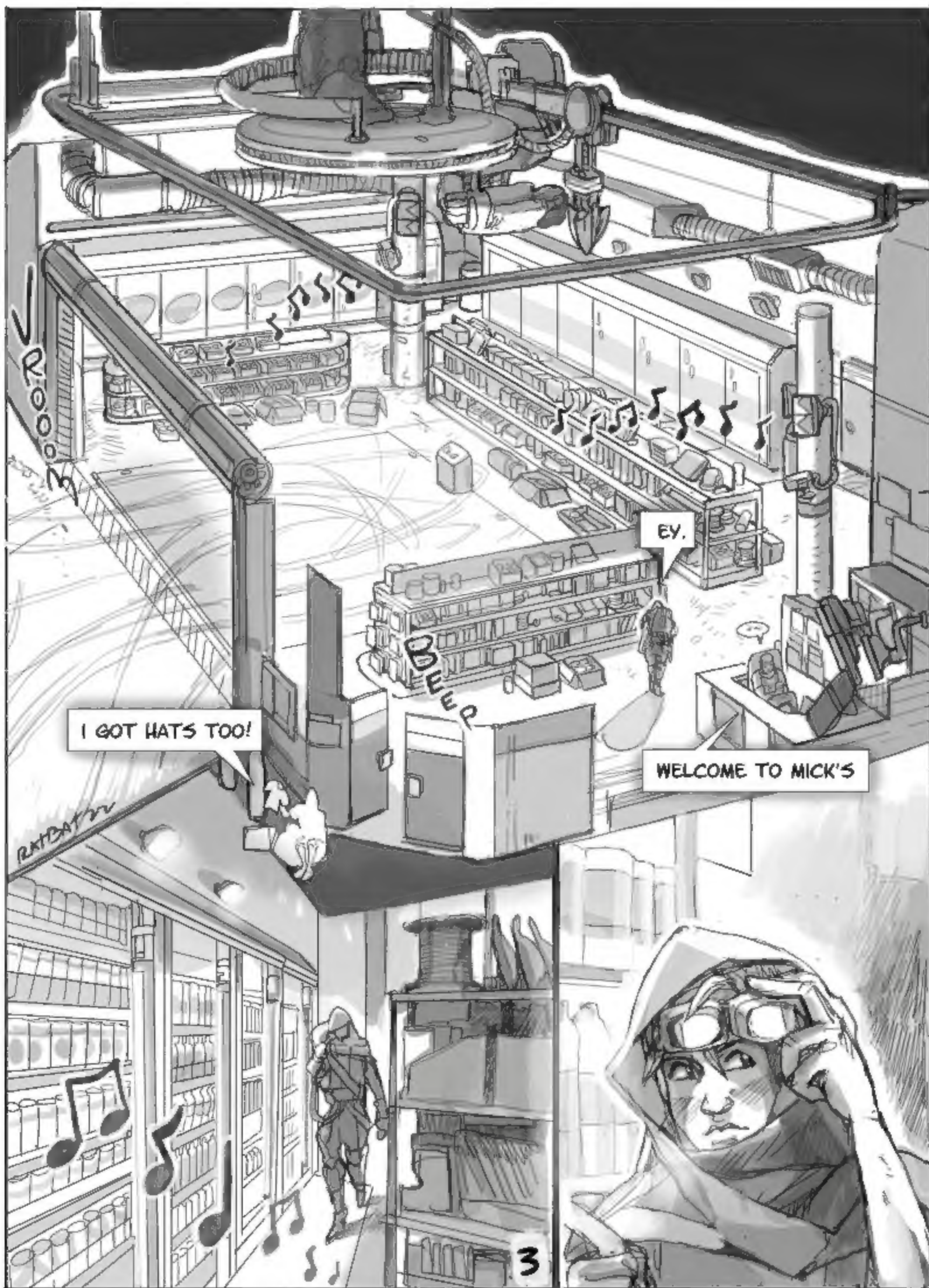


MOON, HOLD ON.



UNCLE TIM!

DON'T WORRY DARLIN', YOUR DAD'S NOT ONE OF THEM.





RESTROOM

DID YOU GET THESE FROM THE GILA OR SOMETHING? IT'S ILLEGAL TO FISH THAT RIVER NOW.

OH, I DIDN'T KNOW.

EITHER WAY, I'VE BOUGHT FISH 3 DAYS IN A ROW ALREADY. I'M OUT OF ROOM.

20 CRED\$ EACH, PLEASE!

I'M SORRY MA'AM.

ARE YOU SURE? REALLY, REALLY?

YES. COME BACK NEXT WEEK.

NEXT WEEK? ..OH...I REALLY CANT STAY IN TOWN FOR LONG.